



Isiah Leggett, County Executive  
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director  
Robert Nelson, UCAB Chair

**January 23, 2015**

**UCAB Joint Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 26 7:00pm  
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Topic: Pedestrian Safety**

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***Montgomery County Remembers Nancy Dacek***



A 12-year member of the Montgomery County Council, Ms. Dacek represented District 2 which encompassed most of the Upcounty region. She later served for more than a decade on the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Former colleagues of Ms. Dacek recall their memories of this dedicated public servant who passed away January 12, 2015 at the age of 81.

Take a moment to view the video paying tribute to her and her dedicated service at <http://youtu.be/3s5x7ZRcYiY> or [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s5x7ZRcYiY&feature=player\\_detailpage&x-yt-cl=84503534](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s5x7ZRcYiY&feature=player_detailpage&x-yt-cl=84503534)

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**Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Public Election Fund Committee  
Deadline for Applications Is Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m.**

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for positions on the recently established Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. For details, visit [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14323](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14323)

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**Leggett to Host Final FY16 Operating Budget Public Forum;  
Residents' Input Crucial in Determining Priorities  
Monday, January 26 7:00pm  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center  
4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda**

Residents are invited to attend and provide input about priorities for the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget. Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, TTY 240-773-3556 or email a request to [Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov).

The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget on March 16. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

*Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY16 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MontCoFY16budgetforum.*

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***Interested in Serving on the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board?***

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill seven vacancies on the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board. Four incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board represents approximately 300,000 residents in the area north of Shady Grove Road, including the communities of Barnesville, Beallsville, Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Darnestown, Dickerson, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Goshen, Laytonsville, Montgomery Village, North Potomac, Poolesville, Tobytown, and Washington Grove. Residents of Damascus, Darnestown, Laytonsville, Barnesville, Beallsville, and Washington Grove, are particularly encouraged to apply.

The 20-member Board advises the County Executive, County Council, and the Regional Director of the Upcounty area on needs and priorities such as transportation, human services, the environment, land use, public safety, and other issues of local importance. It also reviews and comments on the County's capital and operating budgets and master plans; assists with strategies to tailor services to regional needs; and conducts workshops and forums. Some members represent the Board on other committees.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. The full Board meets one Monday evening of each month and occasionally on Saturdays at the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown. Members are also expected to serve on at least one subcommittee, which also meets each month on a Monday evening.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. An application, consisting of a **brief cover letter and resume**, should be sent by mail to County Executive Isiah Leggett, 101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850, or by email to [countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov). Home and employment addresses, as well as contact phone numbers and email addresses should be included in addition to detailed pertinent experience and business, civic or community group associations. **The deadline for application is February 11, 2015.**

Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Leggett's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

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**County Executive's Faith Community Working Group to Host Interfaith Public Forum**  
**Tuesday, January 27 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville**  
**100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville**

The forum is co-hosted by Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Joshua Starr and members of the Board of Education. Members of the faith community will also attend. Participants will have an opportunity to provide input on how the faith community and MCPS can build on current strengths and enhance collaboration and will hear about joint efforts already underway. The Faith Community Working Group is a sub-section of the Faith Community Advisory Council of Montgomery County, within the County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships. The purpose of FCWG includes "deepening the understanding and appreciation for our diverse faith traditions; coordinating, facilitating and enriching interfaith collaboration; supporting, enriching and expanding existing County government initiatives by including the faith communities; and assisting and amplifying the various faith community efforts toward establishing social justice and addressing needs of mutual concern."

Seating is limited, so pre-registration is encouraged and is available [online](#). For more information, email [fcwg2013@gmail.com](mailto:fcwg2013@gmail.com).

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**Leggett to Announce Introduction of Legislation to Combat Human Trafficking in County;**  
**January is National Human Trafficking Month**

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett today announced that he was sending legislation to the County Council that will give police an effective tool to combat human trafficking in Montgomery County and protect victims of this devastating crime.

The County's Human Trafficking Task Force is recommending two bills intended to address loopholes in the current law, making Montgomery County a less attractive location for human traffickers and improving collaboration and enforcement ability between the departments of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Permitting Services and Police.

The Human Trafficking Task Force was appointed by Leggett in June 2014 and is comprised of members from the County Executive's Office, the County Council, Police Department, State's Attorney's Office, County Attorney's Office, Circuit Court, Sheriff's Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Permitting Services, the Commission for Women, the Commission on Human Rights, Office of Community Partnerships, non-profit advocacy organizations Montgomery County National Organization for Women (MC NOW) and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and non-profit service providers Maryland Rescue and Restore Coalition.

For more details, visit [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14449](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14449)

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**Montgomery College Offers Training Opportunities**

Montgomery College's Office of Advancement and Community Engagement is offering a variety of training classes to the community:

- Certificate for Apartment Maintenance Technician, January 26
- Basic Computer Skills, January and February
- Child Growth and Development, February 3 – March 31
- Free Citizenship Workshop, Saturday January 24
- Open House Germantown Campus, February 11
- FAFSA MARYLAND GOAL SUNDAY, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, February 8; Germantown Campus, February 26

For information about registration, contact **Gloria Bonilla, Adviser**, Advancement and Community Engagement  
40 W. Gude 110, Rockville, MD 20850 240.567.4367 [gloria.bonilla@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:gloria.bonilla@montgomerycollege.edu)

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**County's Award-Winning Web Portal Sees Record Usage in 2014**  
[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14435](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14435)

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**New Zoning for Montgomery Village Discussed at January 12 Public Meeting**  
<http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2015/01/21/new-zoning-for-montgomery-village-discussed-at-january-12-public-meeting/>

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**Montgomery County's Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) was featured on January 21 in a consumer report on the NBC "Today Show" alerting consumers to the nationwide problem created by certain towing practices.**

The [Today Show segment](#) focused on predatory and aggressive towing practices. TODAY National Investigative Correspondent Jeff Rossen captured video of vehicles being towed minutes after the owner parked and walked away. Rossen interviewed OCP Director Eric Friedman regarding trespass towing and the complaints handled by OCP's investigators. OCP, the County's consumer protection agency, investigates thousands of complaints each year involving automotive sales and repairs, new home purchases, home improvements, credit issues, retail sales, Internet services and most other consumer transactions. OCP provides pre-purchase information to consumers, as well as speakers to the community on consumer issues.

For more information and consumer advice, call 240-777-3636 or visit the [website](#).

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**Montgomery Council Approves Ban on Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products Bill 41-14 Proposed by Councilmember Hans Riemer Has Montgomery Joining a Growing List of Communities That Have Banned Expanded Polystyrene**

The Montgomery County Council unanimously enacted Bill 41-14 recently that will ban the use and sale of certain expanded polystyrene food service products and the sale of certain polystyrene packing materials in the County, and will require the use of compostable or recyclable alternatives.

The bill will prohibit the use and sale of polystyrene foam food service products and the sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging (packing peanuts) effective Jan. 1, 2016. The bill will also require the use of compostable or recyclable single-use disposable food service ware, such as plates, bowls, cups and eating utensils by the County Government and its contractors effective Jan. 1, 2016, and for private businesses effective Jan. 1, 2017.

The bill prohibits the use of foam food service products by food service businesses and the sale of foam loose fill packaging (packing peanuts) and bulk foam food service products. Among the items that the bill covers are containers, plates, cups, trays and egg cartons. Products packaged outside the County before receipt by the food service business, and materials used to package raw meat, seafood or poultry, are exempt from the prohibition.

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## **Montgomery Philharmonic in Concert**

**Thursday, January 29 7:00pm**

**Watkins Mill High School**

**10301 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village**

***"A Celebration of Youth"***

The Montgomery Philharmonic celebrates local youth musicians with its 3<sup>rd</sup> concert that will celebrate youth and feature pieces unique to several American composers. Each piece is SINGULAR in that the composer used a singular composition technique or form. The Montgomery Philharmonic will be joined on stage by members of the Watkins Mill Orchestra and Band, as well as the orchestras from Neelsville Middle School and Montgomery Village Middle School. This exciting concert will feature the combined string sections of all four orchestras for two special pieces. Additionally, they will feature the winners of the Bernie Rappaport Young Musicians competition in a special work composed for young trombonists and orchestra. The wind sections from both Watkins Mill High School and the Montgomery Philharmonic will join forces to play Felix Mendelssohn's *Overture in C major for Winds*. This overture is quite special because it was written by Beethoven at the age of 15—the very age of many of the students playing on stage. The Montgomery Philharmonic will be joined by a select group of Watkins Mill High School's top musicians to play George Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, and the concert will finish with the Montgomery Philharmonic and all of the musicians from Watkins Mill High School playing Charles Ives' *Variations on "America."* See program notes at [http://www.montgomeryphilharmonic.org/page68/notes\\_14-15-3.html](http://www.montgomeryphilharmonic.org/page68/notes_14-15-3.html)

***The public is invited!***

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## ***BlackRock Center for the Arts presents . . .***



### **Victoria Vox and Unified Jazz Ensemble**

**Folk, Jazz, Singer/Songwriter | Saturday, Jan 24, 2015 | 8:00 PM**

Singer/songwriter Victoria Vox, widely renowned for her work on the ukulele, joins the Unified Jazz Ensemble for an evening of jazz standards and original compositions. The Unified Jazz Ensemble (UJE), based in Annapolis, Maryland, is dedicated to bringing the best of jazz to audiences of all ages. The group was founded in 1992, and has performed across the United States and internationally. Inspired by Cyndi Lauper, Patti Griffin, and The Cranberries, Ms. Vox has performed all over the globe for the last ten years. Her endearing vocals and seemingly simple, but rather smart songs have been played on NPR, featured on A&E television shows, won her first place at the International Acoustic Music Awards, six Wammie awards, the "Vox Pop" award for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year in the 10th Annual Independent Music Awards, and landed her a segment on the Jay Leno Show.



### **The Seldom Scene**

**Bluegrass/Country | Saturday, Jan 31, 2015 | 8:00 PM**

Over 40 years since they began playing together at weekly jam sessions in a Bethesda basement, The Seldom Scene have become one of the single greatest contributors to the progression of bluegrass while setting a new standard and attracting new audiences to the genre. Legends in the DC-area, their performances include bluegrass versions of country music, rock, and even classical pop. The Seldom Scene have performed at the White House many times and continue to tour year-round.

***For more information about upcoming performances, visit <http://www.blackrockcenter.org>***

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Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>